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Lebanon

U.S. Hostage's Release — The Islamic Jihad announced the release of U.S. hostage David Jacobsen in a communique reported by AFP 2 November, stressing that it holds the U.S. Government "entirely responsible" for what happens if the latter fails to take this opportunity "to continue what it has begun to find a solution to the hostages problem." Twenty other foreign hostages remain in Lebanon, including seven Americans, AFP noted. Voice of Lebanon radio stated that all the foreign hostages are now in the Al-Biqa' town of 'Anjar "under Syrian protection," adding that three of the U.S. hostages may be released. Syrian businessman 'Umran Adham told the Paris paper *Liberation* that Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad will do "everything possible" to secure the hostages' release, AFP reported, and he predicted that the situation will "improve positively in the next few days." Adham has been involved in contacts between the French and Syrian presidents concerning the French hostages in Lebanon, the agency pointed out. Before Jacobsen's release, the Syrian information minister had stressed that Syria was continuing its efforts to release the foreign hostages in Lebanon, according to Radio Monte Carlo.

Amal-Palestinian Clashes — Three people were killed and 10 were wounded in clashes around the Burj al-Barajinah camp in Beirut 2-3 November, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon reported. Ten people were killed and 47 were injured in earlier fighting in the area between Amal and Palestinian gunmen, according to Beirut radio.

Syria

President al-Asad thanked the Soviet leadership for its 31 October message of support and emphasized Syria's determination to confront the "hostile onslaught," Damascus radio reported. The radio also reported that on 1 November Al-Asad received Iranian Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati who delivered a solidarity message from Iranian President 'Ali Khamene'i. In remarks to a Tehran radio correspondent, Velayati asserted that Western interests are trying to destroy the "remaining bastion of resistance against Israel."

Jordan

In a speech to parliament broadcast on Amman radio, King Husayn declared the Palestinian question the "main concern" of Jordan's national policy. Jordan still considers the PLO the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people despite the suspension of coordination with the PLO leadership, he said. While emphasizing the progress in Jordan's efforts toward convening an international peace conference on the Mideast, the king hoped for a rapid end to discussion on how to prepare for the conference and noted Jordan's request that the EC governments aid in harmonizing the U.S. and Soviet positions. The Jordanian monarch stated that criticism from "doubting voices" will not weaken the government's resolve to implement its "comprehensive development plan" for the West Bank and Gaza. On the subject of Arab unity, King Husayn reaffirmed that the Iranian "war of aggression" threatens the entire Arab homeland. Demogoguery can never be a basis for true nationalism nor terrorism a substitute for legitimate struggle, the king asserted.

Israeli-Palestinian Meeting

Israel is taking action to stop a planned meeting between Israeli leftists and PLO representatives in Romania, Israeli Foreign Minister Shim'on Peres disclosed in remarks broadcast by IDF radio 2 November. PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat expressed approval for the meeting in an interview reported by TANJUG, stating that the aim of the talks is to exchange views on prospects for mutual recognition between Israel and the PLO. Fatah official Salah Khalaf told MENA that the PLO delegation will be led by PLO Executive Committee member Muhammad Milhim.

Iran-Iraq War

Communiques broadcast by Voice of the Masses radio reported a 1 November air strike on "a large maritime target" near the Iranian coast and acknowledged civilian casualties in Iranian shelling and strafing of Basra and Al-Kut 31 October.

According to Tehran radio, artillery fire inflicted 200 casualties on a convoy going north from Basra 1 November and destroyed a military communications center southeast of Basra 2 November. Meanwhile, a military spokesman cited by IRNA denied Iraqi claims that an F-4 was downed 30 October.

Iran

President 'Ali Khamene'i rebutted "false propaganda" alleging a disagreement among the country's leadership in a Friday sermon reported by Tehran radio, stressing that Ayatollah Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri enjoys Ayatollah Khomeyni's "particular respect."

A C-130 military transport crashed 2 November near Zahedan killing some 90 passengers and crew, Tehran radio reported.

Egypt

According to an official Interior Ministry source cited by MENA, one person was killed in a clash between "extremist groups" and worshippers at an Asyut mosque 31 October.

Sudan

Nine students were wounded as riot police in Khartoum used tear gas and firearms to break up an illegal demonstration to protest

the high cost of living and the proposed constitutional amendments, AFP reported.

Libya

In a speech broadcast by Voice of Greater Arab Homeland radio on the occasion of the anniversary of the start of the Algerian revolution, Staff Major 'Abd al-Salam Ahmad Jallud asserted that conditions favor unity with Algeria. Jallud also reaffirmed Libyan solidarity with Syria against "Western designs" and supported the Saudi initiative for a meeting of the OPEC price committee.

A "top aide" of Chadian opposition leader Goukouni Oueddei cited by AFP disclosed that Oueddei was "seriously wounded" 30 October during a Tripoli gunfight with Libyan soldiers.

GCC Summit

Following the opening ceremonies of the seventh session of the GCC Supreme Council in Abu Dhabi 2 November, the GCC leaders heard a report by the secretary general and approved the agenda, WAKH reported.

PDRY-Djibouti

Djibouti Foreign Minister Moumin Bahdon Farah announced the resumption of air and sea links with the PDRY effective 2 November, Djibouti radio reported.

Pakistan

The unofficial death toll rose to 33 in 3 days of rioting in Karachi and Hyderabad where curfew orders are in effect, AFP reported. Many of the casualties were incurred during armed clashes between Pathans and "Muhajirs," immigrants whose families came from India in 1947.

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Najibullah Addresses Feyzabad Citizens

LD012310 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari
1630 GMT 1 Nov 86

[Speech by PDPA General Secretary Najibullah at meeting with citizens in Feyzabad, Badakhshan Province, on 1 November — recorded]

[Excerpts] Noble people of Badakhshan, ulema and theologians, esteemed elders, dear friends and comrades, may God's peace and blessing be upon you. Today, here, we meet the best sons of the people of Badakhshan near their highest mountain. I wanted to have talks and consultations with you at this friendly meeting, and I am seriously interested in listening to your demands and needs. [applause]

It is an honor for us to travel to Badakhshan, historic Badakhshan, heroic Badakhshan, on the instructions of the leadership of the PDPA with our delegation today, and to meet you. Your hearts are as pure as the clean water of the Kokcha River, your patience as high as your high mountains, and your honoras wide as your deserts. [applause] We are proud of this.

The principled issue our country now faces is to strive for the safeguarding of peace, the ending of bloodshed and fratricide, and the ending of war, the useless war. You know that the PDPA and the revolutionary government have said historic words on the need for national reconciliation. Today, there is no distinction between the words and actions of the party. The return of six regiments from the limited military contingent of our internationalist brothers, which took place with the agreement of the Soviet leadership, is obvious proof of this matter. Today we are more powerful than ever. The successful operations by our Army and the DRA Armed Forces made almost 100 rebel bands sit and talk with the government authorities and become ready to lay down their arms. The branches of the Armed Forces have been strengthened and have become more experienced.

The condition of call-up and conscription has improved. The voluntary movement of youth recruitment is expanding. The border forces are working more actively. They are securely blocking the roads and paths to the enemy.

In the sphere of foreign policy, our active peace-loving activity brought the Geneva talks with Pakistan out of deadlock. In general, a sensible movement has occurred for the (?future), after the 18th plenum and particularly after the 19th plenum of the PDPA Central Committee. [passage omitted]

Today, in my address to you on behalf of the PDPA, its Central Committee and Politburo, and on behalf of our government, I want you to think about what your Badakhshan and its noble people can do for the revolution, our common homeland, and our common family toward the consolidation of people's sovereignity. The party and people are expecting you to concentrate on the following issues:

[Word indistinct] on call-up and conscription. The sons of your province should consolidate the branches of the People's Army of Afghanistan, and enrich them with the combat traditions of the mountain dwellers of Badakhshan.

The south and west border of Badakhshan has a common border with Pakistan and China. The rebels who are nested in these countries are using this situation. You can and should create a secure obstacle along their way and cut the caravan path of counterrevolutionaries with all your power, in order to safeguard a tranquil, prosperous, and peaceful life for our people here.

[Word indistinct] economic life. Long, constructive years are ahead of you. We are confident that you using the [word indistinct] of power stations will build new houses and hospitals.

In the sphere of agriculture, we request you to keep alive the previous honors of this soil as your fertile land. You have gathered 30,000 tons more in crops than in previous years. The land for cultivation is increasing. [words indistinct]

Concerning the conclusions of elections, this issue has an important state and political value. You have made a good start in this respect, but this should continue. The important issue is the preparation and convocation of elections in the villages.

Dar compatriots, noble people of Badakhshan, there are many issues. An easy life is a boring life. This type of life, this boring life, could not be the life of the revolutionaries and the proud Badkhshanis. Therefore, we believe that the people of Badakhshan will increase their contribution to the revolution.

One more thing. The province of Badakhshan, your homeland, has a common border with the Soviet Union, the honest friend of our people. At this moment your mountains and your skies demand that mankind talk about this friendship.

There is a big picture in Kabul, the capital of revolutionary Afghanistan, at the Central Committee headquarters where the Politburo of the party Central Committee is being held. This picture shows the first Afghan delegation that went to the Soviet Union after the restoration of our country's independence, in the office of the great Lenin. [applause]

At the head of the Afghan delegation, whose photograph is clear in this picture, is the great political personality of our homeland, a famous and well-known personality, the son of your homeland, the son of the mothers of your sacred soil, Muhammad Wali Khan-e Badakhshi. [applause]

This is an honor for our history, our people, and for the PDPA, which is standing as a true heir to these historical and political customs and traditions of its country. [applause] [passage omitted]

We recall the last years of [word indistinct] the years of undeclared war by imperialism on Afghanistan. In these difficult days, complicated moments, who were with us? Who gave us salt and bread? Who gave us and will give us sugar and oil? Who lightened our lamps? The Soviet Union, the people of the Soviet Union, the Tajiks, Uzbeks, and Turkmens.

Badakhshan, a province of our country, is receiving better and greater assistance in connection with this friendship, closeness, and relationship. All the northern provinces will follow your example. We have decided to completely rid the northern regions

of our country from the existence and remnants of counterrevolutionaries, and to establish (?joint) economic fraternal cooperation with republics of Central Asia. We will transform all the northern provinces, among them Badakhshan, to regions of life, developed regions, growing and progressive regions, and into anexemplary region of internationalism. [applause] [passage omitted]

We wish successes, honors, and pride from the bottom of our hearts for the people of your proud homeland. Thank you. [applause]

Rebels Fire 18 Missiles in Spin Buldak
LD311930 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto
1530 GMT 31 Oct 86

[Text] By firing 18 surface-to-surface missiles the barbarous counterrevolutionaries have once again displayed their hostility toward our compatriots and exposed their evil faces to the toiling people of Spin Buldak District.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports that following the barbarous launching of surface-to-surface missiles made in the imperialist countries the counterrevolutionaries — these enemies of our people's tranquility and peace — fired surface-to-surface incendiary missiles, causing the destruction of a number of our compatriots' houses.

The report adds that this is the second time that the savage counterrevolutionaries, with the assistance of Pakistani militias, have made the residential areas of Spin Buldak District the target of their missiles which were provided by the their imperialist masters for terrorism, destruction, and the killing of our innocent people.

As a result of the firing of these missiles one person was injured and material losses were inflicted on the inhabitants of Spin Buldak District.

Poisonous Gas Fired From Pakistani Border
LD312146 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto
1530 GMT 31 Oct 86

[Text] The counterrevolutionaries have committed another unforgivable crime.

According to a BIA correspondent's report from Jalalabad, counterrevolutionaries last week fired mortar shells containing dangerous poisonous substances from the border of Pakistan at the villages of Nazian District, Shenwari Major-District, resulting in more than 60 civilians, including children, women and elders, being seriously contaminated. The affected persons were dispatched to Jalalabad City to receive treatment.

A team of physicians and chemistry and gas experts from Nangarhar military forces were sent to Nazian District in order to establish the type of gas used and to investigate the effects of these poisonous substances.

The experts have indicated that these mortar shells containing poisonous substances, which were used by the counterrevolutionaries in Nazian District, were supplied by Western countries. In the past, shells similar with U.S. markings have also been seized from the counterrevolutionary bands prior to use in a number of regions.

Those physicians engaged in studying the [word indistinct] and effects of these poisonous substances, have told the BIA correspondent that in view of symptoms observed among the victims this poisonous substance is very dangerous.

This is not the first time that the counterrevolutionaries and their imperialist masters have embarked on such a shameless crime against our innocent children, women, and people. Many instances of the use of chemical weapons and poisonous substances — made in the imperialist countries — have been noted.

The use of chemical and poisonous weapons in Nazian District, Shenwari Major-District, by the counterrevolutionaries and their imperialist supporters who have put such inhumane weapons at their disposal, are contrary to all moral standards and international treaties.

Pakistani Envoy Summoned Over 29 Oct 'Aggression'
LD021641 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto
1530 GMT 2 Nov 86

[Text] The charge d'affaires of the Pakistani Embassy in Kabul was summoned to the Foreign Affairs Ministry today at 1100 hours and the following points were made to him by the director of First Political Section:

Despite the repeated protests by the DRA, the Pakistani military forces are continuing their aggression against the DRA. On the night of 29 October, 18 rounds of surface-to-surface rockets have been fired on the district of Boldak, from the other side of border from the region of (?Soltanzoy).

Also on the same date, the Pakistani military forces at 2200 fired mortars and machine guns on (?Wish) border post, wounding an inhabitant.

The DRA Government condemns these hostile actions by the Pakistani authorities and strongly protests against it to the Pakistan's Government. It demands the Pakistani authorities to end such actions, otherwise the responsibility for their dangerous consequences will rest with the Pakistani Government.

The Pakistani authorities have claimed that four Afghan fighter aircraft violated (?Gargak Sar) region in Pakistan on 23 October in order to cover up their aggressive actions.

After all-round assessment and investigation, the DRA Government considers this claim by Pakistan's Government and rejects it resolutely. It demands the Pakistani Government to end such groundless and far from the truth claims, which do nothing but aggravate the situation at the border.

Turkey's Ozal Arrives for 4-Day Visit 31 Oct

BK311603 Dhaka Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 31 Oct 86

[Excerpt] The Turkish prime minister, Mr Turgut Ozal, was accorded a red carpet reception when he arrived in Dhaka this afternoon on a 4-day official visit to Bangladesh. He is accompanied by Madam (Samra) Ozal. President and Begum Raushan Ershad received the distinguished guests at the Zia International Airport. [passage omitted]

Ershad, Ozal Address Banquet

BK010458 Dhaka Domestic Service in English
0110 GMT 1 Nov 86

[Text] President Ershad has said that there is ample scope for expanding economic and technical cooperation between Bangladesh and Turkey to the mutual benefit of the two people. Speaking at a banquet given in honor of the visiting Turkish prime minister, Turgut Ozal, at Banga Bhavan last night, he said the current visit will pave the way for further expanding bilateral cooperation. The president said the two countries share many values, attitudes, and aspirations and these have been augmented in recent years to common commitments to the objectives of the ICO and the United Nations. They also maintain similar views on many important international issues and have expressed solidarity with the third world nations. Referring to Bangladesh's policy of maintaining good neighborly relations with its neighbors the president said the SARC [South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation] has created a new horizon of regional cooperation to improve the quality of life of the 1 billion people of South Asia. Bangladesh also plays an active role in the comity of nations and its election to the presidency of the current UN General Assembly session is a demonstration of that fact. President Ershad expressed concern at the prevailing situation in the Middle East and hoped that just and honorable peace will be found to end the fratricidal hostilities between Iran and Iraq. He also called for an end to apartheid in South Africa and expressed concern at the continuing occupation of Afghanistan and Kampuchea.

In reply, Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said Bangladesh occupies a special place among all Muslim countries and Turkey attaches great importance to further promotion of bilateral cooperation with this country. He said the relations between the two countries have been developing to our mutual satisfaction. Our [word indistinct] during the visit will undoubtedly provide us with an opportunity to examine the fields of potential cooperation to promote further economic and cultural ties. Prime Minister Ozal said Turkey would be happy to share and exchange with Bangladesh the experience gathered in the process of industrial development. Turkey has established a broadbased productive capacity for manufacturing consumer and capital goods. He said the efforts of President Ershad to promote the economic and social standard of people of Bangladesh was followed in Turkey with admiration. He also appreciated Bangladesh's invaluable support to the Muslim Turkish Cypriot people and their just cause.

Maritime, Investment Accords Signed

TA011251 Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish
1100 GMT 1 Nov 86

[Text] Turkey and Bangladesh have signed two agreements in Dhaka, one envisaging an increase in maritime transportation and the other encouraging and protecting mutual investments.

Prime Minister Ozal is continuing to hold contacts in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh. This morning he visited the martyrs monument some 50 km from Dhaka. He laid a wreath there, observed a moment of silence, and signed the honor book. The monument was erected in memory of 3 million Bangladeshis who lost their lives during the 1971 war of independence. Prime Minister Ozal also planted a tree at the Friendship Park near the monument.

Our correspondents report from Bangladesh that Prime Minister Ozal then went to the Banga Bhavan palace, where the official talks are being held. He held a private meeting with President Hussain Mohammad Ershad at the palace. Afterward the Turkish and Bangladesh delegations, headed by Ozal and Ershad, held talks.

An agreement envisaging an increase in maritime transportation between the two countries was signed at the end of the talks by Metin Emiroglu, Turkish minister of national education, youth, and sports, and by Mohammad Matin, Bangladesh deputy prime minister. Under the agreement, shipping services between the two countries will be increased and the two sides will cooperate in transporting goods between the two countries. The two countries will also give preferential treatment to each other's ships at port entries and their national maritime agencies will grant each other easier terms.

Meanwhile an agreement has also been initialed for the mutual encouragement and protection of investments. Under the agreement, the two countries will cooperate on the issues of money transfers, licenses, and technical aid. Turkey will also extend a $50 million commercial loan to Bangladesh to be payable within 8 years.

Prime Minister Ozal and President Ershad discussed their respective countries' foreign policy views. Ozal discussed the Cyprus problem and the oppression of the Turkish minority in Bulgaria, while Ershad discussed his country's problems with its neighbors and political developments in South Asia. It is reported that Ershad will place Turkey's policy on Cyprus and Bulgaria on the agenda of the South Asian Cooperation Conference, of which Bangladesh is a member, and that it will support Turkey regarding the issue of Bulgaria.

Parliamentarians and businessmen in the Turkish delegation are also holding various contacts. The Turkish parliamentarians called on the speaker of the Bangladesh Parliament, Chowdhury, and discussed relations between the Parliaments of the two countries.

Meanwhile the businessmen of the two countries met at the Bangladesh Import and Industry Chambers Federation on developing bilateral cooperation. They discussed ways of increasing

the volume of trade. The Turkish businessmen informed their Bangladesh counterparts that they can offer them contracting services and engineering help in the building and operation of factories. They added that they can export industrial and agricultural goods to Bangladesh. The Bangladesh businessmen, in turn, said that they will give priority to Turkish imports over imports from other countries.

Meanwhile Mrs Ozal visited a school for gifted children and the national museum. A folk dancing and music show was presented at the school in her honor.

The prime minuster will continue to hold contacts in Bangladesh in the afternoon.

Cooperation Talks Continue 2 Nov
TA021931 Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish
1700 GMT 2 Nov 86

[Excerpts] Prime Minister Turgut Ozal has said that bilateral relations among Islamic countries as well as Islamic unity are very important in strengthening economic and cultural ties. Ozal noted that, therefore, Turkey wishes to develop its economic and social relations with Bangladesh.

Ozal continued his official contacts in the capital of Bangladesh, Dhaka, today as well. In the morning, he participated in a river cruise, which was also attended by Bangladesh President Hussain Mohammad Ershad and Prime Minister Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury; Turkish National Education, Youth, and Sports Minister Metin Emiroglu; and Turkish parliamentarians. Throughout the cruise, Ershad briefed Ozal and the others on the region. Ozal also conversed on various issues with former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, who joined the river cruise. [passage omitted]

Ozal also attended a meeting organized by the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry. In a statement at the meeting, he explained that Turkey abandoned a continuously subsidized economy for a system open to internal and external competition. He said that his government changed the foreign exchange policy and transformed the public economic enterprises into profit-making and competing organizations. Ozal added that his government plans to privatize these enterprises. He also noted his government's aim of growing by developing exports rather than subsidizing imports. Illustrating this, until 5 to 6 years ago, Turkey traded mostly with European countries and Ozal said that now Turkey has commercial relations with all Islamic countries.

The prime minister remarked that Turkey has the infrastructure and skilled labor force for economic and commercial cooperation. He expressed the belief that the unity among Islamic countries must be developed. To this end, preparations are under way for a credit system to be valid among Islamic countries, and efforts are being made to rearrange the customs tariffs, Ozal noted. He said that significant steps were taken during his visit for the further development of the economic relations between Turkey and Bangladesh, adding that cooperation between the businessmen of the two countries is also important to achieve this. [passage omitted]

Ozal Speaks at Honorary Dinner
TA020822 Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish
2100 GMT 2 Nov 86

[Excerpt] Prime Minister Turgut Ozal has said that his visit to Bangladesh will trigger new developments in relations between the two countries and that Turkey will always support Bangladesh in solving the latter's problems. Prime Minister Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury of Bangladesh gave a dinner in honor of Prime Minister Ozal in Dhaka this evening. Speaking at the dinner, Prime Minister Ozal said that during his visit tangible progress was made in quite a short time. In turn, Chowdhury said that Bangladesh appreciates Turkey's economic progress. [passage omitted]

Opposition To Resist Legal Protection Bill
BK300339 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 30 Oct 86

[Text] In Bangladesh, the Awami League-led 8-party opposition alliance has decided to resist any attempt in Parliament to legalize all actions of the government under the martial law during the last 4 and 1/2 years. A resolution to this effect was adopted at a meeting of the alliance in Dhaka.

Meanwhile, Parliament has been summoned to meet on the 10th of next month to pass the constitutional amendment bill which will give legal protection to the outgoing government.

Gandhi Agrees To End Federal Rule in Kashmir

BK021047 Hong Kong AFP in English 1025 GMT 2 Nov 86

[Excerpt] New Delhi, Nov 2 (AFP) — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has reached a political accord with opposition National Conference [Kashmir political party] leader Farooq Abdullah in Jammu and Kashmir that ends federal rule over the sensitive border state, reports here said Sunday. The agreement between Mr Gandhi and Mr Abdullah, a former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister, clears the way for the installation of a new popular government in the northernmost state bordering Pakistan.

The *United News of India* said an alliance government of the local chapter of the ruling Congress Party, headed by Mr Gandhi, and the Moslem-dominated Regional National Conference, led by Mr Abdullah, would take over Monday.

Reports of the accord, following several months of negotiations between Mr Gandhi and Mr Abdullah, provoked an outcry from the pro-Pakistani Peoples Conference in the only Moslem-dominated Indian state. Some local activists from Mr Gandhi's own party in Jammu and Kashmir were also unhappy with the agreement, the *Press Trust of India* said.

UNI said that under the agreement, Mr Abdullah was to head a nine-strong Cabinet, to be followed by fresh polls in March. The new Cabinet is to include six National Conference ministers and three from the Congress (I) Party, UNI said. [passage omitted]

Further Details

BK021613 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 2 Nov 86

[Text] The Congress-I parliamentary board has announced that appropriate steps are being taken to form a popular government in Jammu and Kashmir under the leadership of Dr Farooq Abdullah with the active participation of the Congress-I.

The AICCI [All India Congress Committee-I] general secretary, Mr A.K. Athony, in a statement said the board felt that such a government will help accelerate the progress of the people of the state. He said the National Conference was an integral part of the national freedom movement. It was in the forefront of the struggle against communal and religious fundamentalists and all divisive forces. It is in this background that they should now also join together to carry on the struggle to strengthen the unity and integrity of the country. Dr Farooq Abdullah, who called on the Congress-I president today, said he would try to prove worthy of the trust reposed in him by Mr Rajiv Gandhi. In a statement he said he would be able to maintain national unity and integrity and fight the fundamentalist and communal forces in Jammu and Kashmir.

SFRY Seeks Cooperation in Defense Production

BK311613 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 31 Oct 86

[Text] Yugoslavia has shown keen interest in participating in joint ventures with India in defense production. Cooperation in defense technology came up for discussion during the wide-ranging talks between the president, Giani Zail Singh, and his Yugoslav counterpart, Mr Sinan Hasani, which concluded in Belgrade today.

PTI quotes an Indian spokesman as saying that the two sides felt there is ample scope for cooperation in defense production.

'Violation' of Punjab Golden Temple 'Condemned'

BK021631 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 2 Nov 86

[Text] The Punjab Cabinet has strongly condemned the violation of sacred precincts of the Golden Temple by a section of the so-called Khalistan propagandists and separatists yesterday. At an emergency meeting in Chandigarh this evening, the Cabinet resolved to fight the elements of disruption and disintegration with greater vigor.

Briefing newsmen after the meeting, the chief minister, Mr Surjit Singh Branala, called upon the people of all religious and poltical beliefs to close their ranks in fighting the terrorists.

In another statement the head priest of the Akal Takht [highest seat of Sikh religion], Jathedar Kripal Singh, urged the Sikh panths [community] to ignore the decisions taken at yesterday's meeting in the Golden Temple. He said the meeting held by a section of the All-India Sikh Students Federation was against the Sikh tradition and history. The Jathedar said he issued the statement after discussing the matter with the five head priests. Yesterday's meeting had decided to excommunicate certain Punjab leaders for ordering the police into the Golden Temple complex in April.

6 'Notorious Terrorists' Arrested in Punjab

BK021053 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 2 Nov 86

[Excerpt] In Punjab, six notorious terrorists, three of whom were involved in the recent shooting at Khumban village killing seven persons, were apprehended last night by a police nakabandi [patrol] party. The Ferozepore District police chief told the All India Radio correspondent that the terrorists, who were coming in a jeep from Malout side, made an attempt to reverse the vehicle on seeing the nakabandi party at (Shittogunno) village. While reversing they opened fire on the nakabandi party which was returned by the police. After about half an hour the terrorists were overpowered and taken into custody. During interrogation, the terrorists admitted that they had opened fire at Malout during curfew hours, killing one doctor. [passage omitted]

'Rival Groups' Clash in Karachi; 5 Killed

BK311529 Karachi Domestic Service in Urd
1500 GMT 31 Oct 86

[Text] According to reports, at least five [illegible] a police officer were killed in a clash between [illegible] in Karachi today. Several people have been in[illegible]nt. The incident occurred when buses carryin[illegible]d a public meeting in Hyderabad arrived nea[illegible] of injured have been admitted to hospital. R[illegible]city. violence have also been received from sc[illegible]reas. Some vehicles were set on fire in Piplan [illegible] Chief Meanwhile, in view of the present situation[illegible]e for Minister Syed Ghaus Aali Shah has post[illegible]d this Islamabad to attend the Cabinet meet[illegible] afternoon.

AFP on Rioting: 50 A[illegible]

BK311721 Hong Kong AFP in English[illegible]86

[Excerpt] Karachi, Oct 31 (AFP) -- [illegible]At least six people were killed in Karachi w[illegible]d from Urdu-speaking locals known as Mu[illegible]ted with India after the 1947 partition of the [illegible]who own Pathan settlers from the North West [illegible]running most of the city's transport system.[illegible]ers since high between the local population a[illegible]es and a a recent accident in Karachi invol[illegible]harged it railway engine which crushed 35 p[illegible]protestors was due to negligent driving by [illegible] burned several vehicles after the cr[illegible]

The group of Muhajir, on their [illegible]d for the community's convention, shou[illegible]e Pathan-dominated Sohrab Goth suburb w[illegible]of Afghan refugees are also settled.

According to witnesses, rioting [illegible]volatile districts of Nazimabad, Piplan, [illegible]e groups of people erected roadblocks and s[illegible]axi cabs and buses. An auto-rickshaw drive[illegible]ath, eyewitnesses said.

Sources here said some 50 pe[illegible]following the clashes, which according to o[illegible]ked when the rally-goers knifed to death a b[illegible]sal to proceed to the town. They said an ang[illegible]ked shops and hotels in Hyderabad where a[illegible]ade to set fire killed. Senior to a shopping centre. Two p[illegible]tuation. Heavy government officials were m[illegible] police reinforcements were r[illegible]

Curfew Impose[illegible]achi

BK311742 Karachi Domes[illegible]
1700 GMT 31 Oct 86

[Text] Six persons, includ[illegible] died in Karachi today as a result of a cla[illegible] groups. [passage omitted]

Meanwhile, curfew has been imposed in the jurisdiction of Piplan, Gulberg, Staff Colony, Gul Bahar, Nazimabad, (Jowharabad) Orangi, and five police stations in the district of west Karachi. Curfew has also been imposed in the areas of Landhi and Quaidabad police stations in the district of (?east) Karachi. The curfew will come in force at 2200 till further orders.

Sind Chief Minister Expresses Grief

BK311739 Karachi Domestic Service in English
1700 GMT 31 Oct 86

[Text] According to a press note issued by the district magistrate of Hyderabad today, a public meeting was organized by supporters (?of Islamic) movement at (Zaka Kela), Hyderabad. [Words indistinct] some of the miscreants took law into their hands and created law and order situation by setting on fire [words indistinct] public vehicles. There was also exchange of fire, as a result of which two persons died and about seven were injured. In order to avoid further disturbances, the district magistrate, Hyderabad, has imposed curfew in entire city of Hyderabad from midnight tonight till further order.

Sind Chief Minister Syed Ghaus Ali Shah has expressed grief and sorrow over the loss of life in Karachi and Hyderabad incidents.

Curfew Relaxed in Hyderabad, Quetta

BK010242 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
0200 GMT 1 Nov 86

[Text] An official announcement says the curfew will be relaxed in Hyderabad from 1500 [1000 GMT] to 1630 this afternoon. It was officially announced in Quetta that curfew restrictions will be relaxed for 5 hours from 0900 to 1400 today, so that people may buy essential commodities and employees may receive their salaries. Vehicles will not be allowed to proceed toward bus-truck depots in the satellite town of Quetta.

Meanwhile, three persons who allegedly set fire to a car and a truck near (Miagondi,) about 20 miles from Quetta, were arrested. Another person was arrested for possession of firea.ms and violating curfew regulations.

Curfew Relaxed 2 Nov

BK020328 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
0200 GMT 2 Nov 86

[Text] Curfew has been relaxed from 0630 [0130 GMT] to 0830 [0230 GMT] today in Karachi where it was imposed on Friday [31 October]. No relaxation in curfew has been made in those areas including Sohrab Goth where it was imposed last night. In Hyderabad curfew will be relaxed for 1 and 1/2 hours from 1330 [0830 GMT] today. In Quetta, curfew will be relaxed from 0700 [0200 GMT] to 1500 [1000 GMT] today.

Situation Said 'Under Control'

BK011551 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 1 Nov 86

[Text] In Karachi today the Sind Cabinet reviewed the law and order situation with special reference to Karachi and Hyderabad. The meeting felt that the overall situation has improved and is under control as a result of various steps taken by the administration. Chief Minister Syed Ghaus Ali Shah, who presided overthe Cabinet meeting, said that the miscreants should be dealt with sternly and that no effort should be spared in apprehending them. He said the government will utilize all resources at its disposal to protect the life and property of the people. The meeting was informed that the law enforcement agencies have made arrests and seized arms and ammunition. The provincial Cabinet also prayed for the salvation of those killed in yesterday's riots in Karachi and Hyderabad. It eulogized Police Officer Mohammad Irteza Hussain who was killed in the riots while performing his duties with dedication.

The overall situation in the curfew- bound areas of Karachi remained under control today barring a few sporadic incidents. The burning of some vehicles and tires on the streets has been reported in several areas.

In Hyderabad, curfew was relaxed for 90 minutes from 1500 to 1630 this afternoon. There is no report of any untoward incident from any part of the city so far.

The district magistrate of Quetta issued a press note this evening saying that the situation remained completely peaceful in the entire district throughout the day today. The curfew was lifted for 5 hours from 0900 to 1400 in the curfew bound areas of Quetta. The press note adds that the Quetta (?Navy) has arrested one more person involved in setting fire to a car and a truck.

AFP: 'Unofficial' Death Toll 33

BK030750 Hong Kong AFP in English 0745 GMT 3 Nov 86

[Text] Karachi, Nov 3 (AFP) — The unofficial death toll in clashes here between Pathans and Muhajirs rose to 33 Monday with another 13 people reported killed since Sunday evening, hospital sources said.

Three people died when troops opened fire to disperse rioters, while the other 10 died in fresh armed clashes between Pathan settlers from the Northwest Frontier Province and Urdu-speaking Mohajirs. Police were strictly enforcing curfew orders in the affected areas, and shooting rioters on sight.

Hospital sources said over 150 injured people, suffering mostly from bullet and knife wounds, were brought to the three major hospitals overnight.

In a late night incident, an armed group with sub-machine guns mounted on jeeps sprayed their rivals with bullets in Karachi's western district. One person died on the spot, while others were taken to hospital, sources added. There were also isolated cases of passers-by being knifed in various localities.

Steps To 'Normalize' Situation Viewed

BK030954 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 3 Nov 86

[Text] Talking to a group of Sind Assembly members in Karachi yesterday, Sind Governor Lieutenant General, retired, Jahandad Khan said the government is determined to normalize the law and order situation. Those found guilty of shooting, looting, and arson will be dealt with sternly. The governor asked the elected representatives to help end the lawlessness by using their influence. He said the step that needs to be taken now is to curb the divisive tendencies which sow seeds of discord among brothers.

Baluchistan Chief Minister Jam Mir Ghulam Qadir Khan has said effective steps have been taken to check untoward incidents. In a statement in Quetta yesterday, he reaffirmed the government's determination to maintain law and order and the great traditions of brotherhood, unity, and harmony among various sections of the people.

A high-level meeting in Peshawar yesterday discussed the law and order situation in the province and made certain important decisions in this regard. The Chief Minister Arbab Mohammad Jahangir Khan presided.

A 1-man tribunal chaired by the Lahore High Court judge, Justice Afsar Hassan, has been constituted to inquire into the circumstances which resulted in a shooting incident in the Lahore engineering university last Thursday. The tribunal will complete its investigations within 15 days from the date of the beginning of its proceedings.

Protest Lodged Over DRA 'Provocative Attack'

BK021523 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 2 Nov 86

[Text] Kabul Armed Forces fired three artillery rounds which landed in (Gawate) village near Waqai in Bajaur Agency on 25 October, killing one person and injuring another. The Afghan charge d'affaires was summoned to the Foreign Office this afternoon and a strong protest was lodged with him over this provocative attack.

SRI LANKA

Fighting Reported Between 'Rival' LTTE, PLOTE

BK011129 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English
1109 GMT 1 Nov 86

[Text] Colombo, Nov 1 (LANKA PUWATH) — A large number of separatist terrorists in Jaffna, northern Sri Lanka, have been exterminated by the rival gang of terrorists, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), a PLOTE [People's Liberation Organization of Tamil Eelam] terrorist who voluntarily surrendered to government troops to save himself from extermination has told the Sri Lankan authorities.

The man, whose name was not revealed, said that a large number of new recruits to PLOTE had surrendered, older members gone into hiding, while others continued to fight the LTTE, the Media Centre in Colombo told LANKA PUWATH today. The centre said fighting between the LTTE and PLOTE continues. It described the PLOTE resistance as being weak. Fighting between the two terrorist gangs has resulted in street battles in Jaffna.

At Velvettiturai, a Lancer car which had been hijacked by the PLOTE group earlier, was captured by the LTTE.

A report from Vavuniya states another PLOTE terrorist walked up to the army camp and surrendered, as he, too, feared he would be exterminated by the LTTE. He said a large number of Uma Maheswaran's PLOTE terrorists had been killed by arch rival Vellupillai Prabhakaran's LTTE gunmen. The two, who formed the Liberation Tigers in the 1970's, broke up and Maheswaran formed PLOTE. They engaged in a gunfight at Pondi Bazaar in Madras sometime after, as soured friendship turned to intense rivalry and raw hatred.

EROS Member Said Killed by 'Troops'

BK311021 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English
1014 GMT 31 Oct 86

["OANA/Pool" items]

[Text] Colombo, Oct 31 (LANKA PUWATH) — Government troops opened fire at a gang of separatist terrorists and killed one of them at Puliyankandy, Batticaloa District, eastern Sri Lanka last Wednesday [29 October]. The Media Centre in Colombo told LANKA PUWATH that troops opened fire when the terrorists attempted to flee into the jungle. The dead terrorist was identified as Thembimuthu Gnaneswaran of the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation of Students (EROS).

Student Death 'Contradicted'

BK021034 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English
1021 GMT 2 Nov 86

[Text] Colombo, Nov 2 (LANKA PUWATH) — The Media Centre in Colombo today contradicted both international and local media reports and said in a special government communique issued today that a student of a Jaffna (northern Sri Lanka) school had been killed in a shoot out between the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and the Peoples Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam (PLOTE) and not by government troops.

The following is the text of the media communqiue:

Jaffna Fort - 30/31-10-86

A section of the wire services, the international and local press reported that due to the mortar firing from the Jaffna Fort by the security forces on 29/30 October 1986, a student who was looking after a class at the Central College Jaffna died when 'shrapnel hit him'.

It was further stated that this was due either to mortar fire by the security forces from the Jaffna Fort or due to 'cross fire between the terrorists and the security forces'.

The Media Centre is now in a position to state that the news report mentioned above is totally inaccurate in as much as the student, P. Vipulanandan, aged 17 years, studying in the advanced level classes of the Jaffna Central College died as a result of a bullet wound. This fact is attested to by the principal and staff of the Jaffna Central College. According to their statements this student 'was in front of 10 D classroom with his back in the direction of the police station (when) he was suddenly hit by a bullet coming from the direction of the police station'

The Jaffna Central College is situated near the junction of the Front Street and Chapel Road, class 10 D of the Jaffna Central College is in the second floor of the cash block of the college. Between the Central College and the Jaffna Fort is the Esplanade Road and the Front Street is a heavily built up area. There is also an esplanade known as the Subramanium Park in between. Therefore no sniper could have fired from the Jaffna Fort at the Central College and killed this boy.

Thus is is clear that no firing of mortars or small arms by the security forces from the police station in the Jaffna Fort or elsewhere could have killed this boy. He was killed in the shoot out between the LTTE and the PLOTE groups which started during the period 29-10-86 and 30-10-86 and continues to date

Reports Reveal Fighting Continues

BK030618 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English
0616 GMT 3 Nov 86

[Text] Colombo, Nov 3 (LANKA PUWATH) — Intelligence reports received by government authorities reveal that fighting still continues between the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam (PLOTE) with the Eelam Peoples Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) and Eelam Revolutionary Organisation of Students (EROS) terrorist gangs also joining in the fighting.

The fighting is taking place in little hamlets where separatist terrorists have their jungle bases. Residents in these areas are living in fear that they will be victims of terrorist cross fire and are not in favour of these terrorists gangs.

Khamene'i Sends Cable Over Bakhtaran Bombing

LD311647 Tehran IRNA in English 1550 GMT 31 Oct 86

[Text] Tehran, Oct 31, IRNA — President 'Ali Khamene'i cabled a message from here Friday to the Friday prayer leader of Bakhtaran on recent Iraqi bombardment of Bakhtaran and Eslamabad.

The president expressed his condolences and deep concern over the atrocities perpetrated by Iraq against the people of Bakhtaran Province.

The cable said that the enemy forces are unable to face the Muslim combatants of Iran in the battlefronts, and that today the enemy is passing its darkest and bitterest days while being in stark fear throughout the fronts of the impending offensive of the Muslim combatants on one hand and the bankruptcy of its economy on the other.

The president assured the Friday prayers leader in his cable that Iran will avenge the dastardly Iraqi attacks, saying Iraq's military and industrial centers have already been bombed in retaliation. The strongest blow will be dealt at the war fronts by the Muslim combatants, Khamene'i said.

Ministers on Iraqi 'Barbarity'

LD312039 Tehran IRNA in English 1800 GMT 31 Oct 86

[Text] Bakhtaran, Oct 31, IRNA — Several Cabinet ministers and Majlis deputies visiting here Friday, inspected the destruction resulting from the latest Iraqi bombardment.

In an interview with IRNA, Defence Minister Colonel Mohammad Hoseyn Jalali said that patients in hospitals and innocent civilians were subjected to enemy cluster bombs. He said no people have been subjected to such barbarity as have been the people of Bakhtaran.

Iraqi warplanes bombed the city twice on Wednesday and Thursday martyring and wounding a number of people. Iraq always commits such crimes after an Iranian victory at the war fronts and prior to large-scale operations, in order to dampen the people's morale, Col. Jalali said. The sacrifice of the people here was a good response to Iraq's crimes and plots, he added.

Col. Jalali said that contrary to claims of imperialist and Zionist media, depressed oil prices have had no effect on Iran's military budget. "We continue to fully equip mass volunteer combatants, he said.

Also speaking at the interview was Health Minister Dr 'Ali Reza Marandi who termed treatment of the injured as 'suitable'. He said that he was impressed with the high morale of the people here.

Meanwhile, Dr Marandi, Colonel Jalali, as well as Bakhtaran, Eslamabad Gharb, and Paveh deputies in Majlis participated in a ceremony commemorating martyrs of the Iraqi bombardments here Friday morning. They also visited the injured in a hospital later the same day.

Velayati Returns From Syria, Comments

NC020727 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 2 Nov 86

[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati returned to Tehran from Syria last night. He was welcomed by the Syrian charge d'affaires in Tehran. The foreign minister had gone to Damascus to convey a message to President of fraternal Syria Hafiz al-Asad from President of the Islamic Republic of Iran Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i. In an interview with one of our correspondents upon his return, Mr Velayati explained the details of his visit. He also commented on the recent attacks world imperialism has launched against Syria.

[Begin recording] [Correspondent] Mr Velayati, can you tell us about the details of your 2-day visit [word indistinct] to Syria to deliver President Khamene'i's message to Mr Hafiz al-Asad?

[Velayati] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Both the message and the visit to Damascus were connected with the recent political propaganda campaign directed against the fraternal country of Syria by the British government. In his message, Mr Khamene'i expressed Iran's decisive support for the Syrian brothers. In view of the fact that we share Syria's stand, especially in the campaign we have waged against Zionism and the allies of this usurpist regime since the revolution, we have remained on the side of our Syrian brothers. Our common position within the international community and political scene is evidence of this solidarity. Whenever we feel that we must show this support to the world or whenever any event takes place in the region that results in pressure on our Syrian brothers, we believe that it is essential for us to take practical steps in this regard. Our Syrian brothers reciprocate with similar measures on an international or regional level whenever they feel it is necessary.

[Correspondent] Mr Velayati, you mentioned the attacks by world oppression on the fraternal country of Syria. What, in your opinion, is the (?reason) for the pressure being exerted on Syria by the British government?

[Velayati] There is no other motivation except the British government's support for the interests of international Zionism; that is, the rule of the Zionists. The centers of power and decisionmaking in some Western countries are the real elements behind the attacks, propaganda, and political and psychological pressure being exerted on countries struggling against oppression and Zionism. As you know, Syria is the only country among the Frontline States opposing Israel which refuses to compromise. Syria is among those who play a significant role in hindering the expansion and implementation of the diabolical scheme by the supporters of Zionism who wish to extend the Camp David accord in the region.

Of course, we should not ignore the extensive role played by the resisting Muslim nations. However, it is of a different in nature. There is the resistance of the Palestinian masses in the occupied lands, the Muslim resistance in Lebanon, and the resistance of other Muslims throughout the world. But the Syrian Government is among those who refuse to succumb to such political plots; namely, the spread of the Camp David accord that would mean compromise with the Zionist regime. The efforts being made to

apply such duress and the motivation for the coercion of Syria is in fact an attempt to destroy this remaining bastion of restance against Israel.

[Correspondent] Thank you very much. [end recording]

Montazeri Termed 'Most Eligible' Successor
LD021420 Tehran IRNA in English 1410 GMT 2 Nov 86

[Text] Tehran, November 2, IRNA — Multitudinous group of Iranian mourners commemorated the anniversary of the passing of the Prophet Mohammad as well as martyrdom of Imam Hassan, second imam of the prophet's household, at 15 Khordad Square here Sunday.

Addressing the mourners, Chief Justice Ayatollah 'Abdolkarim Musavi-Ardabili lauded high personality of the Prophet Mohammad and outlined parts of the prophet's struggles against unbelievers.

Elsewhere, in his speech the chief justice referred to the Iraqi-imposed war saying that the Iranian people are determined to continue their resistance and defensive war against aggressor Iraq to the last drop of their blood.

Musavi-Ardabili reiterated that the Iranian nation will neither compromise with nor sit at a negotiating table in presence of blasphemers. Therefore, he said, the Iranian nation will continue its resistance as a divine task.

The waves of the Islamic Revolution have already reached Islamic countries such as Egypt, Sudan, and Morocco, the ayatollah said, adding that this Islamic nation will resist all plots of the enemies.

The concept of power in the Islamic Iran is different from that in the Western countries and what is important here is the divine responsibilities, Musavi-Ardabili said. He noted that unfortunately the Western countries are unable to understand these criterions.

Chief Justice Musavi-Ardabili praised Ayatollah Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri and described him as the most eligible person to take over as the future leadership of the Islamic Revolution.

'Wave of Arrests' of Majlis Deputies Reported
TA031011 (Clandestine) Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian 1630 GMT 1 Nov 86

[Excerpt] While the Islamic Republic regime is still trying to portray as insignificant the issue of Montazeri's resignation and the arrest of a large group of his relatives and officials of the clerical regime, reports from Tehran as well as rumors circulating throughout Iran indicate a large-scale wave of arrests and escalation of infighting among various clerical groups.

Among other things it is said that in addition to the two Islamic Majlis deputies who were arrested in the days prior to Montazeri's resignation, nine more majlis deputies have been arrested in this connection. Moreover, a large number of individuals who were active in terrorist groups under the leadership of Seyyed Mehdi Hashemi have either been detained in recent days or have fled. A considerable number of members of Iraqi and Afghan groups who were armed by the so-called Islamic Liberation Movements Organization have been disarmed in recent days. It is said that Mohammadi Reyshahri, Khomeyni's minister of information and espionage, has assumed supervision of the so-called Liberation Movements Organization in order to purge this organization. [passage omitted]

Tehran Reports Plane Crash 2 Nov in Zahedan
NC030603 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 3 Nov 86

[Text] According to a Central News Unit report from Zahedan, a C-130 belonging to the Islamic Republic of Iran's Armed Forces crashed in the (Padgi) mountains around Zaheban Airport at 1926 yesterday. All the passengers aboard the plane, including a number of officers, sergeants, and soldiers from Zahedan's 88th Division, were martyred. Rescue units arrived at the scene of the accident immediatly afterward, and an investigation was begun. The cause of the mishap has yet to be determined.

Iraqi Pilots on Kuwaiti 'Collaboration'
LD011816 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 1 Nov 86

[Excerpts] Two Iraqi pilots and one officer captured by Islamic forces took part in a television interview with our reporters. In this interview, they explained Kuwait's collaboration and complicity with the Iraqi Zionist regime in the latter's air raids on our homeland.

The Iraqi pilots were introduced on television as: First Lieutenant 'Abd Isma'il Qaza'i from Anbar Province, attached to the 69th Squadron located at Al-'Amiq Port Air Base, captured on 3 September 1986; First Lieutenant Muhammed 'Aziz Sa'id from Mosul, captured on 2 September 1986; and First Lieutenant Airman Khalid Mahdi 'Abbas, attached to the 69th Squadron from Al-Bakr Air Base, captured on 24 October 1986. [passage omitted]

First Lieutenant Muhammad 'Aziz Sa'id said: The point to remember about the existing cooperation between Iraq and Kuwait is that when Iraqi helicopters run out of fuel they land at Bubiyan Island and refuel there; then they return to Iraq. He then added: Another point which ought to be mentioned is that Staff Colonel Obur Janbar, accompanied by the commanders of the 440th Battalion of the Iraqi Armed Forces, visited Bubiyan Island prior to the Al-Faw operations for reconnaissance purposes. The objective of the visit was to identify the island's terrain to enable the Iraqi forces to be stationed there.

Commenting on the cooperation between Kuwait and Iraq, he said: Kuwaiti ports, too, are available to Iraq; goods and weapons are unloaded at these Kuwaiti ports and are then taken over land to Iraq.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Iraqi Corps' Communications Cut

LD022018 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 Nov 86

[Text] The communications center of Iraq's VII Corps, east of Abu al-Khasib, was destroyed by the Islamic forces this morning.

According to an IRNA report the communications center, which linked Iraq's VII Corps with the High Command of the Ba'thist and Zionist forces of Iraq, was situated (?20)km east of Abu al-Khasib. It was destroyed following accurate reconnaisance and artillery fire. Two towers of the communications center were also destroyed.

With the destruction of the communications center and its towers, communications between Iraq's VII Corps and the High Command and operations headquarters east of Basra have been cut.

48-Hour Shelling of Basra Ends

LD011053 Tehran IRNA in English 1037 GMT 1 Nov 86

[Text] Ahvaz, Khuzestan Prov., Nov 1, IRNA — Shelling of the Iraqi port city of Basra, started 48 hours ago in retaliation for Iraqi air raids on Iranian residential areas, stopped at noon Saturday.

During the 48-hour shelling heavy damage was inflicted on economic and military establishments of the city. Smoke of the fire at Al-Haritah power station and munition dumps of the third and sixth armies in eastern and northern Basra was still billowing into the sky, Friday night.

The Basra shelling started with prior warning of the War Information Headquarters and residents of the city and mostly evacuated areas around military and economic establishments.

Meanwhile a report from inside Iraq indicates that recently inhabitants of Basra have protested against turning the city into a military center and creation of numerous garrisons there.

Iraqi Military Column Attacked

LD012301 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 1 Nov 86

[Text] A motorized enemy column going from Basra to the northern Persian Gulf operational theater was detected by the forces of Islam. At least 20 vehicles from this column were destroyed by the artillery fire of the combatants of Islam. *Islamic Republic News Agency* reports that this motorized military column, which was on its way to strengthen Iraq's Seventh Corps in the area east of Abu al-Khasib, became target of the heavy artillery of the forces of Islam on Abu al-Khasib-Faw road. 200 Iraqi Ba'thist forces were killed or wounded and parts of the column were destroyed.

Iraqi Convoy 'Demolished' 31 Oct

LD311914 Tehran IRNA in English 1720 GMT 31 Oct 86

[Text] Bakhtaran, Oct 31, IRNA — An Iraqi vehicle column was demolished in Sumar-Qasr-e Shirin operational region, with heavy losses being inflicted on enemy forces over Thursday and Friday.

Some 13 vehicles of the enemy along with their crews and military hardware were destroyed in the shelling.

In other fronts of Bakhtaran and Ilam, Muslim combatants of Iran destroyed two Iraqi bunkers, two water tankers, as well as a munitions depot of the enemy forces on Thursday and Friday.

Communique No 2,641

LD311631 Tehran IRNA in English 1615 GMT 31 Oct 86

[Text] Tehran, Oct 31, IRNA — Iranian jet-fighters bombarded industrial and economic installations in the Iraqi city of Al-Kut (Vaset Province) at 03:40 GMT Friday, inflicting irreparable damage on the sites. The jet fighters returned to their bases safely after the strikes, said a military communique here Friday.

Communique Number 2,641 of the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces said that Iran's Navy intercepted 11 foreign tankers and trade ships in the Strait of Hormuz on Thursday, but allowed them to proceed on their voyage since they had no Iraqi-bound cargo.

In one of the operational regions of the northwestern fronts, the communique said, Iran's special airborne forces along with Kurdish Peshmerga attacked two bases of the Iraqi troops in a series of guerrilla operations. At least ten Iraqi soldiers were killed and a number of others wounded in the operations, it added.

In Mehran, western fronts, Iranian Muslim combatants shelled Iraqi supply and armoured columns, inflicting heavy damage on them, the communique said.

Exchange of artillery fire raged sporadically in the southern fronts Thursday, being somewhat more intense in Talayeh, Kushk, and Zobeydeh, the communique said.

The communique said Iranian Muslim combatants subjected Iraqi patrols to their artillery fire when they attempted to approach their defense lines in Pich-e Angizeh and Bejliyeh. The Iraqi soldiers were forced to flee, added the communique.

In Haw-al-Juwayazah, the communique said, Iraqi engineering efforts activities were disrupted and 30 enemy soldiers were killed or wounded. Heavy damage was inflicted on the enemy in the shelling, it added.

Gendarmerie forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran shelled Iraqi positions and fortifications in southern fronts, setting ablaze six enemy gun emplacements and destroying some of their vehicles, said the communique.

The city of Abadan, Khuzestan Province, was sporadically hit by Iraqi artillery fire over the past week sustaining damage, the communique said.

Communique No 2,642

LD011644 Tehran IRNA in English 1640 GMT 1 Oct 86

[Text] Tehran, Nov 1, IRNA — Iranian Navy intercepted seven foreign ships in the Strait of Hormuz Friday, but allowed them to continue voyage since they were not carrying any Iraqi-bound goods, according to the 2,642nd Joint Staff Command Communique released here Saturday.

Economic and industrial targets in the southern Iraqi region of Basra and its suburbs sustained considerable losses when they were subjected to long-range artillery fire of Iran's combatants of Islam during Friday and Saturday.

In the southern sector of the battlefronts, at least 35 Iraqi troops were killed or wounded when their motorized and armoured units were subjected to Iranian fire. Two heavy vehicles of the enemy were destroyed during the said period.

Further up, in the central sector of the nearly 1,200 km-long war zone, the superior fire-power of the Islamic forces destroyed more than 10 heavy and light Iraqi vehicles, 20 tents, and three weaponry positions with their occupants. Fire exchanges were somewhat heavier in the Qasr-e Shirin operational regions, while enemy vehicle movement and engineering activities in the Mehran and Kani-Sheykh areas of this western theatre were checked.

Also, an attempted attack by an Iraqi patrol group in the Mehran front was spotted at 18:00 GMT Friday and immediately smashed by the Iranian defenders.

Some 10 more armament positions and lookout posts and a number of vehicles were destroyed by Iran's Gendarmerie forces, who killed several Iraqis in the western and southern border regions.

Iraqi forces sustained considerable casualties and damage and their activities were halted in the northwestern fronts. In the Hajj 'Umran theatre of this sector, skirmishes were heavier, concluded the communique.